

map and that further identifies properties located within the boundary of said query-specific map and the location of each query-specific property as defined by coordinates on said query-specific map, said table builder adding said query-specific map to said set of map tables to define an augmented set of map tables; whereby the user may view selected real estate listing data by selecting from said query-specific map one of said query-specific properties using a pointing device to enter coordinates for decoding by said query handler through access to said augmented set of map tables.

11. A system according to claim 10 wherein said input/output interface comprises an http daemon process configured for communicating with the World Wide Web.

12. A system according to claim 11 wherein said http daemon process further includes a common gateway interface for receiving and forwarding said input coordinates.

13. A system according to claim 10 wherein said computer network comprises the World Wide Web.

14. A system according to claim 10 wherein said user interface comprises an Hyper Text Markup Language browser.

15. A system according to claim 10 further comprising: a list builder for building and maintaining an interest list of designated selected properties said interest list including information identifying each designated property as well as information identifying a property manager in charge of managing said each designated property.

16. A system according to claim 15 further comprising: an editor for editing said interest list and for adding user information to said interest list.

17. A system according to claim 15 further comprising: an e-mail manager for compiling and sending an e-mail message to property managers having a property included on an interest list notifying said property manager of an interest in a property managed by said property manager.

18. A system according to claim 10 further comprising: an editor for editing or deleting real estate listing data associated with selected properties.

19. A system according to claim 10 further comprising: an editor for adding new properties to said database, said editor comprising a means for entering property information and a pointing device for entering the coordi-

nates of said new properties on a predefined map image, wherein said property is contained within the boundaries of said predefined map image.

20. A system according to claim 10 said input/output interface, upon request from a user, is capable of downloading a digitized picture of a selected property to said user interface.

21. A system according to claim 10 said input/output interface, upon request from a user, is capable of downloading a full motion video of a selected property to said user interface.

22. A method of conducting a search of a database of geographic-specific housing information comprising the steps of:

displaying a graphical representation of an initial geographic region;

defining a first query including a specific geographic region by recursively selecting and displaying geographic subregions using a graphical tree structure thus defining said specific geographic region to desired geographic search area;

defining a second query including real estate listing information to form a desired property criteria;

searching the database for properties which meet said first and second queries;

creating a query-specific graphical representation of said desired geographic search area having features corresponding to properties found during said database search, wherein said features are displayed on said graphical representation in locations representing said properties locations within said geographic search area

displaying said query-specific graphical representation;

selecting features from said query-specific graphical representation; and

displaying geographic-specific housing information describing properties represented by said selected features.

23. A method according to claim 22 further comprising the steps of:

building a interest list of properties of interest;

notifying a property manager of an interest in a property managed by said property manager and included on said interest list.

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